

Name Anne Lyster

Graduation year 1939

Today's date: August 9 1991

I. Why did you choose to study at MES?

My main interest has always been sports. Admired
Mona Miller (^{Grade 9} my P.E. teacher at Victoria High). Influenced by Archie
McKinnon - coach of (YMCA) Victoria Track Team - Took Canada's ^{track} team to

II. What alternatives did you consider?

Berlin in 1936 & swim +
track to London - 1940 -
team

The Gill - only offered a BA. with minor degree in P.E.
U. of Washington - closer but mother thought I should have
Canadian education.

III. What are some of your fondest memories of being a student at MES?

Pleasant times ^{& sing songs} in drawing room with Winn McKennan
playing the piano after dinner. Friends Helen ^{roommate} Gould,
Beathe Mellick ⁽³⁸⁾ + Thiriel Nelles ⁽³⁸⁾ Helen Plaunt. We were
all in overflow residence on street ^{(1 east} of St George).

IV. What are some of your worst memories of being a student at MES?

- Swimming in dingy pool - I couldn't float or swim in straight
line which brought Dorothy Jackson's disapproval -
- Homesick the first fall especially - Missed BC's sea, mts, forest.
- Thought I was very grown up + didn't like resident restrictions.
- Everyone in Toronto streetcars + on street looked so glum + sad!

V. With respect to your course work what are some of your fondest memories?

Camping at Ont. Athletic Commission Camp at Lake Couchiching
(It had a cinder track then) + at Algonquin Park's "Tanamakoon" in Sept '38.
Enjoyed most activities - track & field ^{esp. Finnish} Gymnastics, tap dancing,
basketball + other games - badminton - Enjoyed being friends
with Jess Learing, Dorothy Forsyth (Sanger), Fran McCannell -

VI. With respect to your course work what are some of your worst memories?

Dorothy Jackson flunked me in swimming -
- prancing around in Modern dance - Later when
I taught it was ^{sometimes} pleased with results.

VII. What do you remember about the school's principal and board?

Nothing about the board - Impressed with Florence
Somer's trick of relaxation (able to sleep 10 min on the
side of road when driving from Cape Cod!) - Was never
close to her - She was pleasant - taught us folk dancing

VIII. How do you think most student's paid for their education at MES [summer jobs, parents paid....]?

Parents paid

IX. In what ways have you kept in touch with alumnae of MES?

Lost touch with most - Kay (Marsh) McTadzen was in
Guelph at the same time (1949-52) - Attended reunions (40th 45th
50th) so now see Phoebe Hamilton - Gwen (Badlin) ^{Murphy} when in
(1979-84) Marge Fraser, Dorothy Laidlaw + Winn McEwen in Ottawa, Victoria.

X. What kind of work/volunteer activities did you do as a result of your education at MES? (over)

Volunteer -

"Akela" for cubs - Bassano - on Home + School
Ass'n - + 4.H. - taught swimming in summers at
Bassano in 60's. (Raised 5 children, lived on a farm 1955-65)
Nepean Sailing Club - social activities etc. 1979-86

XI. Did you pursue further education following MES? Where? Why?

1941-42 Provincial Normal School to obtain B.C.
teaching certificate. Evening classes and summer
school classes in Alberta from 1965-70. when I
went back to teaching in Alberta to get my
permanent Alta. teaching certificate. (over)

U of A - 1973-4 - received B.P.E. degree.

U of A 1974-76 -

B.A. in Recreation Administration.

Work

- Recreation Director for Victoria & District's Welfare "Sunshine Camp" at Sooke, Vancouver Is. Had 2 days off every 2nd week. Paid \$40.00 a month - planned programme - 40-60 campers. Had 2 volunteer helpers - Had (I think) first "Camp for the Blind" in 1940 & 41 - in Canada. (1939-40-41 summers)
- Taught in private school in Vancouver - 1939-40
 - Ran Beacon Hill Park playground (summer 1945) + (attended 2 classes at summer school too).
 - Taught P.E. & Health + some social studies to ³⁰⁰ girls Gr 7-12 - Vernon Jr. Sr. High School - 1942-45.
 - Taught P.E. & Health - Chilliwack Jr. Sr. High (enrollment 1000) - 1945-46
- (These jobs included coaching basketball tracks etc. ^{projects} ^{students} took part in folk dancing at Mission, B.C. put on gym (displays) - demonstrations to encourage P.E. in schools + communities - started fund for new gymnasiums in Vernon + Chilliwack.
- (In Chilliwack) one project was a contest to guess time it would take for a barrel to go from 1 bridge to another on Vedder River).
- 1946-48 - Health Education Secretary for Kingston Y.W.C.A. - I was the 1st full-time secretary - Because "Y" had big gym + I had B.C. teaching certificate - also included school classes for grade 8 girls in the city + the second year - all of Sydenham School - Big "Teen Town" with 300 members on Fri nights - Paid 10¢ + played games + danced - Good parent council - (sometimes worked 50 hours a week - kept fit; had minton, modern dance + dancing + gymnastics for children - tiny tots etc.
- 1965-70 - P.E. & Health Junior High Girls - Wetaskiwin, Alta.
- Put on street display 1967 - tumbling etc when ^{dancing} train came through - Expo.
 - usual coaching etc - demonstrations -
 - Going to summer school (69) - evening classes toward degree.
- 1970-73 - Taught in Glenmary ^{Sch.} Peace River - full time 1970-72 - 73 summer - Rec. Director on interim basis -
- 73-74 - attended U of A. - completed P.E. degree
- 74-76 - " " " " completed B.S. in Recreation Administration
- 76-78 - Community School Coordinator - St. Mary School, office in school but hired by Edmonton Parks + Recreation.
- 78 - moved to Ottawa - volunteer with Nepean Sailing Club - Social committee etc. (My husband was Commodore etc).

XII. PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

- A. Your year of birth: 1920
B. Your country of birth: Canada. (Ashcroft, B.C.),
C. Country of mother's birth: England
D. Country of father's birth: Canada
E. When you entered MES what occupations did your parents have?

Mother's occupation: housewife

Father's occupation: rancher

- F. Where were you living before coming to MES?

City: Victoria

Province: B.C. Country: Canada

- G. Which school did you attend prior to entering MES?

Oak Bay High School

What grade (level) did you complete at this school? 12 ^{Junior Matriculation}

Was this a private or public school? public

- H. If you married, which year did you first do so: 1947

Married to: (name) David Edward Toole

Occupation of husband when married: Student at Queen's University

- XIII. Would you be interested in receiving a copy of my abstract when I complete my study? yes.

Please list addresses of any MES graduates you know of, besides those from 1939 and 1940.

I don't want any of this back. ✓

Name Winnifred McLennan

Graduation year 1939

Today's date: Sept 21 1991

I. Why did you choose to study at MES?

Dr. T. B. Acker of Halifax N.S., my orthopaedic surgeon suggested
that Phys Ed. was a good idea for me. I had spent the previous
4 years in plaster casts and heavy braces. I had been a Music
student at M.E.S. for three years but Dr. Acker thought sitting
and practising not a good idea.

II. What alternatives did you consider?

I chose between N.E.S. and Smith (in the U.S.)

III. What are some of your fondest memories of being a student at MES?

I loved everything about my two years at M.E.S.
(with the possible exception of Mrs. Marriott! our house-mother)
She was a terrible snob! I loved especially our
Septembers at camp - and Eliz. Wardley's lectures.

IV. What are some of your worst memories of being a student at MES?

None - except perhaps being embarrassed for
some poor girl who was being criticized by Mrs. M.
for picking up the salt and pepper - both in the
same hand! to pass to someone at the residence dining table!

V. With respect to your course work what are some of your fondest memories?

Miss Wardley's lectures
Miss Jones demonstrating Morris Dancing!
Miss Jackson's enthusiasm in gym. classes
Flora Gray - our excellent piano accompanist

VI. With respect to your course work what are some of your worst memories?

Failing 1st term Anatomy ^{in 2nd year} and having to write a supp.

VII. What do you remember about the school's principal and board?

We had a wonderful staff - all specialists in their fields and interested in the students. I kept in touch with Somers, Jackson, Wardley (Raymer) and Layton till ^{their deaths.}

VIII. How do you think most student's paid for their education at MES [summer jobs, parents paid....]?

I think most parents paid. Mine did - My summer earnings at Camp Arrowhen '38 & Tanampooda '39 & '40 never exceeded \$150.00!

IX. In what ways have you kept in touch with alumnae of MES?

As you probably know, we '39ers have had regular 5 yr. reunions (since the 25th) as well as spring lunches each year in Toronto and a Round Robin ^{newsletter.}

X. What kind of work/volunteer activities did you do as a result of your education at MES?

Board member - Y.W.C.A.

XI. Did you pursue further education following MES? Where? Why?

No. I taught at the Kingston Y.W.C.A. for a year and a half then married and brought up four children - one of whom took Phys Ed. at McMaster and taught at United College, Wpg.

③ Another contact: Carolea Clark Butters 416-226-6901. She once owned Camp Tanamakoon.

XII. PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

- A. Your year of birth: 19 16
- B. Your country of birth: Canada
- C. Country of mother's birth: Canada
- D. Country of father's birth: Canada
- E. When you entered MES what occupations did your parents have?
- Mother's occupation: Housewife
- Father's occupation: Owner of Brookfield Ice Cream Ltd
of Toronto, N.S.
- F. Where were you living before coming to MES?
- City: Brookfield, Col. Co. N.S.
- Province: _____ Country: _____
- G. Which school did you attend prior to entering MES?
- St. Allison Ladies College and 2 yrs at Mt. Allison Univ.
- What grade (level) did you complete at this school? matric
4-10 univ. credits
- Was this a private or public school? _____
- H. If you married, which year did you first do so: 19 41
- Married to: (name) E. Russell Johnston
- Occupation of husband when married: Flight Lieut. in R.C.A.F.

XIII. Would you be interested in receiving a copy of my abstract when I complete my study? Yes

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- ① I have asked my nephew in Toronto N.S. to enquire from a niece of Miss Layton's (the M.E.S. Secretary) if she has any papers or address lists or memorabilia which might be of use to you. Miss Layton lived in Toronto and died there a few years ago in her nineties. I visited her there when she was 93. I'll let you know if anything comes of this.
- ② Through a friend in Toronto, I traced Elizabeth Paymer's only child. She is Judy Zykoff (Ph. 416-488-9589) and could give you info. re her mother. Another name I was given was a late M.E.S. grad (40 or 41) Sally Fox Edwards (Mrs. Maurie E.). She lives on Whitehall & belongs to the Rosedale Golf Club.

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Name Katharine Reed Graduation year 1939

Today's date: July 27/ 1991

I. Why did you choose to study at MES?

SUGGESTED BY A FAMILY FRIEND WHO'D
WANTED TO GO - I HAD NO CAREER PLANS AS
A 17YRS. OLD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE.

II. What alternatives did you consider?

WOULD PROBABLY HAVE FOLLOWED FAMILY
TRADITION AND TAKEN A B.A. IN LIBERAL
ARTS AT U.N.B.

III. What are some of your fondest memories of being a student at MES?

'T WAS A CHALLENGE TO GET CHANGED BET. CLASSES
FROM ONE "UNIFORM" TO ANOTHER AND BE ON
TIME - (FROM GYM TO DANCE STUDIO ON 4TH FLOOR
AS SENIORS).
ENJOYED DORM LIFE AND MAKING NEW
FRIENDS - COMING FROM A SMALL TOWN (3,500)
THE CITY HAD MUCH TO OFFER.

IV. What are some of your worst memories of being a student at MES?

FLUNKING 1ST TERM REMEDIALS CLASS! HAD
NEVER FAILED AN EXAM IN MY LIFE - THIS WAS THE
END OF THE WORLD! FORTUNATELY - NEITHER MY
FAMILY OR MISS SOMERS THOUGHT SO!

V. With respect to your course work what are some of your fondest memories?

SWEDISH GYMNASTICS @ DOROTHY JACKSON
MODERN DANCE @ MARION HOBDAV - RECITAL
SR. YEAR AT HART HALL -

VI. With respect to your course work what are some of your worst memories? TENSION CREATED BY "BELL RINGING"

FINALS IN ANATOMY - WITH AN "R" SURNAME
I WAS ALWAYS NEAR THE END OF ANY LINE -
AND SEEING CLASS MATES REACTION AS THEY LEFT
THESE EXAMS WAS A MISERABLE TIME!

VII. What do you remember about the school's principal and board?

DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE BOARD,

ADMIRER MISS SOMERS - STOOD IN AWE OF HER
AS A STUDENT, AS A GRADUATE AND FRIEND
REALLY APPRECIATED HER -

VIII. How do you think most student's paid for their education at MES [summer jobs, parents paid....]?

PARENTS PAID

IX. In what ways have you kept in touch with alumnae of MES?

ATTENDED MOST OF THE CLASS REUNIONS SINCE
I RETIRED - FROM TEACHING -
KEEP IN TOUCH THROUGH CHRISTMAS CARDS AND
VISITS WITH SOME CLASS MATES -

X. What kind of work/volunteer activities did you do as a result of your education at MES? TAUGHT PHYS. ED. FOR
EIGHT YEARS - MOST VOLUNTEER WORK HAS BEEN
HOSPITAL ASSOCIATED - CHURCH BAZAARS, ETC -
NOTHING ASSOC. 2 PHYS. ED.

XI. Did you pursue further education following MES? Where?
Why?

- ① YES - B.ED - IN PHYS ED. SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.
COULD FINISH DEGREE IN TWO YRS. @ SYRACUSE
AS OPPOSED TO 4 @ U. OF TORONTO.
- ② FOR PERSONAL SATISFACTION - AND PROFESSIONAL
ADVANCEMENT -

XII. PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

- A. Your year of birth: 19 19
- B. Your country of birth: CANADA
- C. Country of mother's birth: CANADA
- D. Country of father's birth: CANADA
- E. When you entered MES what occupations did your parents have?

Mother's occupation: HOUSEWIFE

Father's occupation: DENTIST

- F. Where were you living before coming to MES?

City: WOODSTOCK, NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA

Province: ✓ Country: ✓

- G. Which school did you attend prior to entering MES?

WOODSTOCK SCHOOLS - TIL 8TH - FISHER H.S.

What grade (level) did you complete at this school? 11 JR. MARK

Was this a private or public school? PUBLIC

- H. If you married, which year did you first do so: 19 49

Married to: (name) RICHARD W. SWENSON

Occupation of husband when married: GRADUATE STUDENT

- XIII. Would you be interested in receiving a copy of my abstract when I complete my study? YES

Please list addresses of any MES graduates you know of, besides those from 1939 and 1940. ACTUALLY, I DON'T KNOW

THE ADDRESSES OF ANY 1940 GRADUATES - NOR 1938.

As for memorabilia, I've moved too many times to have collected any! Good luck on the Ph.D. - My husband and I were married as he started the Masters and subsequently his Ph.D. in Chemical Physics



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